



Breathable air, drinkable water, litter-free beaches, clean streets, open spaces filled with trees and nature's creatures. These are just a few of the essential attributes of California's environment. Without these characteristics, our state would be unlivable and unhealthy. That explains why Lieutenant Governor Garamendi focuses so much energy and commitment to protecting, preserving and restoring the environment in which we live.

"We have no greater obligation to our children and grandchildren than preserving the majestic beauty that makes California the most special place in the world."

The Lieutenant Governor holds several key roles critical to managing and protecting California's natural resources and environmental future. As chair of the State Lands Commission, the Lieutenant Governor has the responsibility to oversee, monitor and regulate all of California's land holdings and navigable waterways.

Garamendi led the State Lands Commission to reject the development of a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal off the coast of Oxnard and has built consensus around innovative solutions designed to protect Southern California's air quality from the effects of natural gas imports from Mexico. The Lieutenant Governor has helped lead the state's efforts to protect the quality and clarity of Lake Tahoe's water, shore zone, natural habitat, and regional development activities.

As a member of the Ocean Protection Council, the Lieutenant Governor fought to ensure that we are accountable and responsible stewards of our oceans and beaches. He championed a plan to greatly decrease pollution of our beaches, especially from plastic refuse, which not only sullies our beaches, but also has dangerous effects on marine life.

The Lieutenant Governor also continues landmark work he began when he was a State Senator and Deputy Secretary at the US Department of Interior in the Clinton Administration in the areas of energy conservation, toxic cleanup, and protection of our old growth forests and in the development of a sustainable economy.

Advocacy in Action

Garamendi led the State Lands Commission to reject the proposed Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal off the Oxnard/Malibu coast – because of the plan’s deficiencies in protecting the environmental health of our communities, the ocean and our shoreline; and because of the potential for this project to increase the creation of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change. Garamendi also developed an introduced a proposal that will require developers of the Baja Pipeline to examine and be responsible for the mitigation of adverse emissions arising from that project.

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